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Chief Todd Elgin
Garden Grove Police Department
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Re: Officer Involved Shooting on June 29, 2015
Non-Fatal Incident involving Andrew Jeremy Garcia
District Attorney Investigations Case # S.A. 15-013
Garden Grove Police Department Case # 15-09217
Orange County Crime Laboratory Case # 15-50222

Dear Chief Elgin,

Please accept this letter in connection with the Orange County District Attorney's Office's (OCDA) investigation and legal conclusion concerning the above-listed incident involving on-duty Garden Grove Police Department Officer Bryan Meers. Andrew Garcia, 17, Garden Grove, survived his injuries. The incident occurred in the City of Garden Grove on June 29, 2015.

Based upon our investigation and a review of all the evidence provided to and obtained by the OCDA, and pursuant to applicable legal principles, it is our legal opinion that the evidence does not support a finding of criminal culpability on the part of Officer Meers, or any other Garden Grove officer involved in this incident. There is sufficient evidence showing that the officer's actions were reasonable and justified under the circumstances when he shot Garcia. Since there is currently a pending criminal case in connection with this incident, the OCDA will not release the more detailed letter regarding this incident until after the criminal case is resolved.

Sincerely,

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